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Conference Abstract

Decision-Making at National Level for the Support of Research Infrastructures

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Abstract

The presentation will elaborate on the Dutch decision-making process concerning large-scale research infrastructures at national and European levels. The process involves several stakeholders, from scientists, to funders to Ministries. The Permanent Committee for Scientific Infrastructures (http://www.onderzoeksfaciliteiten.nl/permanente-commissie) plays a high-level decision-making and vision role in this effort. The committee is independent and part of NWO, the Netherland's Research Organisation for Scientific Research, on special request of the Minister of Education, Culture and Science. This level of decision making is necessary to participate at the next level within the vision of the European Roadmap for Research Infrastructures. This Roadmap is set up by the European Strategy Forum for Research Infrastrcutures (ESFRI, https://www.esfri.eu) and is a portfolio of Research Infrastructures regarded as crucial to shape the European Landscape of scientific Research Infrastrcutures. DiSCCo (Distributed System of Scientific Collections), led by Naturalis (Leiden) is a recent and good example of such an infrastructure that gained a place in the European research infrastructure environment connecting 115 Museums, Botanical Gardens and collection-holding Universities in 21 European countries.

Keywords

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